

The Oil and Gas Situation in Western Canada

Extract From Oil and Gas Journal of Tulsa, January 29th, 1925. By C. O. Stillman, President Imperial Oil Company.

"In spite of these somewhat gloomy generalizations, indications are not lacking that a definite turn in the tide may be about to set in, the drilling in 1924 having been responsible for certain significant results which may be far-reaching in their effects.

"Perhaps the greatest publicity has attended the efforts of the British Petroleum, Ltd., and others in the Wainwright area of Alberta. Attention was first directed to this district by the results of Imperial Oil's Fabyan No. 1 well, which developed a gas production of 14,000-900 feet and shows of heavy black oil. The second well of this company, however, was a dry hole, and since its completion the Imperial has not been active in the area.

"British Petroleum commenced operations some 5 miles northeast of the Imperial location and has so far drilled four wells, while a fifth is being spudded in. The best results were obtained in No. 4, which has been flowing a small amount of oil since September. Its potential production is still unknown, as no pumping test has been made. The crude is somewhat similar to the heavy oils of California and its principle derivatives would be fuel oil, road oil and heavy lubricants. The gasoline content is notably low.

"It is hoped further drilling will be successful in obtaining a higher grade of crude, and, in addition to the British Petroleum, the Maple Leaf Oil Co., the Western Consolidated Oil Co., the Wainwright Oil Producers Syndicate, and the Globe Drilling Co. are active to this end.

(P. 34.) Per Victor Lauriston

"In east central Alberta, practically all the drilling outfits in the Irma-Wainwright field are shut down. The first tank car of crude from the Irma-Wainwright field was shipped last week from Wainwright, being part of the production of British Petroleum No. 4 flowing well. The oil will be used, unrefined, for fuel purposes by the Canadian National railroads, in the oil-burning locomotives used on the Pacific section."

Mutual Tolerance and Cooperation Need for Constructive Effort

By WILLIAM N. DAVIS

(President, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association)

Most of us in the oil industry are thinking in terms of the past. We have not comprehended the evolution which has occurred, nor awakened to the realization that the industry has outgrown its swaddling clothes and come to man's-nay—a giant's estate; that no arbitrary power within or without the industry is strong enough to shield it from the consequences of its own acts—to exempt it from the ruthless and relentless workings of economic laws; that, with modern means of transportation and communication, business policies must be based on nation or world-wide rather than local surveys of the industry's economic conditions; that all of its branches are inter-dependent and none can long prosper at the expense of others; that, for its conduct and welfare, every individual member has his share of responsibility, great or small according to his position and influence.

With the awakening of the entire industry to these facts would come that better understanding of each other, and that spirit of mutual tolerance and co-operation essential to any intelligent and constructive effort to solve those inherent economic problems peculiar to our industry, such as the uncertainty of finding a constant production equal to the current consumption of the raw material coupled with the inability to control its floods when found.

I would also remind the industry at this beginning of a new year that its various troubles spring in the first instance from overproduction both of crude and its refined products.

ALBERTA TAKES RESOURCES

ON FEDERAL TERMS

The Federal government has accepted the offer which the federal government made a couple of years ago of the transfer of the natural resources. Although Premier Greenfield hinted as much from time to time on the return from Ottawa. Mr. Stewart was the first to make the definite statement, last night. The completion of the negotiations is being held up by the necessary detailed accounting, which takes much time. Legislation will have to be passed by both parliaments.

"There is likely to be opposition from some quarters in the federal parliament," said Mr. Stewart. That was indicated by some of the speeches already delivered in parliament. He is confident, however, that the opposition will not be very dangerous.—Calgary Albertan.

Livestock and Dairy Pools Proceed to Organize in the Irma District

On Saturday, February 14th a well attended meeting was held in Irma to discuss the question of organizing the Live-stock and Dairy Pools.

Mr. Slattery of Camrose, in dealing with the Livestock pool made a survey of the Livestock industry showing how necessary it is for the producer to take just as much interest in the marketing of his livestock as he does in its production.

The Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers are organizing not only to market their livestock collectively but to try and remove some of the impediments that now make it difficult to find an overseas market for Canadian Livestock. The speaker said that the same interests that control the Argentine trade with Great Britain also control the meat industry of North America. He said these interests do not want to create an overseas market for Canadian cattle as it would not only raise the price of Canadian cattle but it would compete with the Argentine trade. The producers must organize and develop an overseas market. Mr. Slattery said that just as soon as this market could be established the packers would have to pay a sufficiently high price to keep our livestock from going to that market.

After Mr. Slattery dealt with the Livestock Pool, J. R. Love spoke on the Dairy pool. Alberta butter when mixed with Eastern butter and sold in England as Canadian butter brings four cents less than New Zealand or Danish butter. Some of the Western Creameries sent a pool shipment to England last year which sold for the same price as New Zealand butter. The freight rate from Edmonton to the Old Country is 3.25 per hundred. Thus by pooling our Alberta butter and selling it on the English market on a par with New Zealand we gain sufficient to pay the entire cost of transportation. The speaker said the great handicap to the Alberta dairyman is the high cost of manufacturing in the winter months due to lack of volume in cream production. A Provincial pool will not only make it possible to reduce these overhead charges in the winter months but a bonus could be paid for winter production. The dairy farmer can never be paid on a cost of production basis until he organizes for that purpose.

After the above addresses the Chairman, Mr. T. W. Shaw asked for a free discussion on the proposed pools. Many questions were asked and after the discussion the meeting proceeded to make plans to canvas the Irma district for contract signers for the new pools. Nomination were received for the canvassing committee as follows:

Coal Springs—Mr. M. Knudson
S. E. Jarow—O. C. Lovig
Jarow—J. A. Waite
North Jarow—Carl Ahlf
Glenholm—O. Steffenson and John Gulbraa
Strawberry Plains—A. Blakley
Sunny Brae—James Fenton
Ross—W. Myers
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Irma—Wm. Barber
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South of Irma—R. Larson
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Secretary—Wm. Masson.
Alma Mater—W. H. King

It was moved by W. A. Burton and seconded by John Gulbraa that the above committee be adopted to take charge of the drive campaign. Cd.

Questionnaires, contracts, and other information will be sent to each member of the committee who may ask for as much help as is necessary to cover the respective districts.

The head office of the Livestock and Dairy Pools is 105 C. P. R. Building, Edmonton to which all signed contracts are to be sent.

RAILWAY LAND SALES

SHOW AN INCREASE

Officials of the land department, Canadian Pacific railway, report that sales of land during last month were greater than those of the month of January of many previous years, and present indications for February show that this month will also be one of the most successful for many years.

A satisfactory feature of the sales is that most of the purchases are being made by existing settlers who are increasing their holdings, and are acquainted with the land they are buying. It is expected that 1925 will be a record so far as land sales are concerned.

HAD PLEASANT TIME

On St. Valentine's the Irma High School pupils spent a pleasant evening in the church, arranged for by the C. S. E. T. boys and conducted by Mr. Reeds and the Rev. Mr. Elliott. A few indoor games were played and community songs enjoyed. Some members of the party contributed to the amusement in the form of a recitation by Jean McLean and Hazel Murphy and musical selections by Lillian Sanders and Anna Kennedy, accompanied by Nelvin Peterson. Last of all a real Valentine lunch was served. All present enjoyed themselves very much. —Lillian Sanders Social Editor, Irma H. S.

CALGARY PROBING PRICE OF GASOLINE

Calgary, Feb. 26th.—Mayor George H. Webster announced Saturday that the city commissioners are gathering prices on gasoline, retail, from cities all over Canada, with a view to ascertaining whether an exorbitant price for gasoline is being charged in Calgary.

Depending on the result of this inquiry, a recommendation may be made to the council that either the attorney-general's department of Alberta or the Alberta public utilities board be asked to intervene in the subject.

"We are conducting that inquiry," said Mayor Webster, "bearing in mind the fact that Calgary does not seem to be getting the benefit it should of having the natural resources of oil production almost at its doors, and a refinery for turning out the manufactured products within the city limits."

ASPHALT FIELD BEING OPENED

Lac La Poudre, Feb. 26th.—Rumors to the effect that development of the local asphalt deposits will start on a large scale in the spring is creating a considerable interest here. It is reported that a company with a capitalization of about \$100,000 has been organized. No definite information as to the personnel of the promoters of the concern, however, has been received here.

The asphalt deposits were first discovered last fall south of the lake on the farm of Mr. Trifoli. A rich seam was struck while Mr. Trifoli was digging a well. Later several other deposits were discovered, but it was thought that there was not sufficient to start development on a large scale.

It is now thought, however, that the deposits are much larger than first expected. Analysis have been made, but with the exception of very meager reports, very little news has been given out by Mr. Trifoli.

RE-ELECTED

At the ratepayers meeting of Div. 6 of the Municipality of Battle River held at Battle Heights school last Saturday afternoon Mr. G. B. Golding was re-elected by acclamation for the ensuing year.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Newberry have been in Edmonton attending the funeral of John Newberry, father of Mr. Newberry. The deceased was 74 years old at the time of his death and had been a resident of Edmonton for over ten years having resided in Toronto before coming West. Mr. Newberry died Tuesday and was buried in the Edmonton cemetery Thursday afternoon. During the past three years Mr. Newberry had spent considerable of his time with his son in Irma where he took a great interest in his son's farm.

CHURCH BOARD

The Official Board of the Irma Church met in the parsonage on Tuesday afternoon, February 10th. The circuit was well represented.

In view of the fact that the financial year is drawing very near to its close, and there is still a large amount to be raised on the budget, it was thought advisable that a canvas be made by the stewards as early as possible in order that we might close the year without a deficit.

It was decided that a congregational meeting be held on Thursday, March 5th, for the purpose of receiving reports from the various departments of the work. Everybody kindly keep this in mind.

SHIP MORE HORSES

Two more cars of horses were shipped from the Coal Springs district last week by Edmonton dealers. Wednesday E. Ritzner shipped a carload of work horses from the Albert district to Stony Plain. While the prices received for the horses sold are low it is encouraging to see some of the surplus horses being shipped out of the district as every car of horses shipped will eventually mean more pasture for the stock that has been gradually crowded off the open range through the surplus of horses that are not needed.

Mrs. Jas. McDonald and children have returned after a trip to Vancouver where, we understand, Mrs. McDonald had been called on account of the illness of her brother.

TEACHING CHILDREN THE WISE USE OF MONEY

To children money does not represent the abstract thing called VALUE, nor does it appeal to them as "stored energy," for they know little of the labor of the world, either physical effort or brain exertion. To them if a commodity appeals to their desires strongly enough and they have the sum of money in hand sufficient to pay for the commodity or toy or what-not even though it is marked at a price far beyond its worth, they will be the first buyers. Their sense of proportion or relative values is not developed and the lesson of the wise use of money is only one which is learned through long years and too often as the result of costly lessons in the school of experience. Of course, there are persons and there are families who never seem to learn the value of a dollar. "Come easy, go easy," spend every cent you have and all you can borrow, seems to be their motto.

But the child whose parents are careful to advise and to teach him concerning buying will find that a certain definite and fixed weekly or monthly allowance, will be a great training for the child in the handling of money and in the selecting of clothes. For instance, if you agree to give your child at the first of every month a certain sum from which he agrees to keep himself in shoes, handkerchiefs, stockings and umbrella, spending only the balance for "foolishness," he will be very stupid, indeed, if finally it does not dawn upon his inner consciousness that if he indulges in the most extravagant shoes and buys a costly umbrella, that there is nothing left for his other needs or his pleasures. He begins to learn the eternal equilibrium of things in realizing that if he spends more for this, that he will have less left for that. He will become aware that funds are limited, that wise buying makes the dollar "go farther" and he will not get that impression which many children gain, that there is no limit to the family purse, if only mother or father can be persuaded or "teased" into "giving loose." To many boys and girls in their teens it never occurs that father really does not owe them a living; that really from the standpoint of social economy, they ought to be producing some value to the world, thereby earning money with which they would in due fairness, help father keep up the expenses of the home. Of course, in many poor families this fact is pressed home, but in many fairly well-to-do families the father gets off to business at his accustomed early hour while his grown sons and daughters, home from college on a vacation, lie in bed until near noon recreation, lie in bed until near noon recreation, we wonder why these young people when they go to homes of their own have such difficulties, meeting the realities of life, making a living, and incidentally doing without many things which were always accepted in their father's home as a matter of course, with no thought of the sacrifice or effort on the part of the parents in order that such comforts might be enjoyed.

But with the allowance plan, the parents know definitely how much money the child is using and can readily determine whether he is growing in wisdom as the months and years roll on. On the other hand, the child learns to know on what he may depend and to see that certain beautiful clothes are beyond his reach or out of proportion to his other purchases. He learns self-denial and he learns to apportion his funds so that all articles do not run short any one month. As he grows older and wiser the parents can increase his allowance and the list of things he must buy with it. Perhaps by this time the obligations of a Christian toward Christian enterprises can be included as well as his desire to make gifts to his friends and loved ones. If he buys these out of his allowance they truly represent a giving of what otherwise might have been spent selfishly.

GETTING BETTER

Mr. F. Peterson has received word from his son Arthur stating that he was doing nicely. Last week he received word that his son had been kicked in the face by a horse. It appears that he had been exercising a horse in the yard when he slipped and was kicked in the face, fortunately no bones were broken.

The stock lost a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weise last week.

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More or Less Funny

MAGGIE AND JIGGS

Perhaps many will remember when the following poem was going the rounds of the press, though in slightly different form. The present version deals with the modern pair, "Maggie and Jiggs." An old friend of The Times who encountered it in an eastern local newspaper left it at this Office. It is published herewith for the entertainment of readers in general and as a warning to all of, the Maggie disposition:—

St Peter stood guard at the Golden Gate,
With a solemn mien and an air sedate,
When up on the top of the golden stair,
Maggie and Jiggs ascending there,
Applied for admission; they came and stood,
Before St. Peter, so great and good;
In hope the city of peace to win,
And asked St. Peter to let them in,
Maggie was tall and dark and thin,
With a scraggly beardlet on her chin.
While Jiggs was short and thick and stout,
And his stomach was built so it rounded out,
His face was pleasant and all the while,
He wore a kindly gentle smile,
The choir in the distance the echoes woke,
And Jiggs kept still while Maggie spoke.
"O thou who guardest the gate," said she,
"We two come hither beseeching thee,
To let us enter the heavenly land,
Our harps to ply with the angel band.
Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt,
There's nothing from heaven to bar me out.
I've been to meetings three times a week,
And always I'd rise up and speak.
I've told the sinners about the day,
When they'd repent of their evil way.
I've told my neighbors—I've told them all,
'Bout Adam and Eve and the Primal fall.
I've shown them what they'd have to do,
If they'd pass in with the chosen few.
I've marked the path of duty clear,
Laid out the plans of their whole career;
I've talked and talked to them loud and long,
For my voice is good and my lungs are strong.
So, good St. Peter, you'll clearly see
The gate of heaven is open for me.
But Jiggs, here, I regret to say,
Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way.
He smokes and swears, and grave faults he's got,
So I don't know whether he'll pass or not.
He never could pray with an earnest vim,
Or go to revival or join our hymn,
While I the sins of our neighbors bore.
He gadded around with Dinty Moore.
He made a practice of staying out late,
Which is a sin all women hate,
But at last when he did come home,
The rolling pin went straight to his dome.
I know him, St. Peter, know him well,
To escape from me he would go to hell—
But, St. Peter, I need him here,
And hope you can see your way clear.
On earth I bore a heavy cross,
Give me in heaven still Jiggs to boss.
I've brought my rolling pin, plates and jars,
To keep him from dodging among the stars.
"But say, St. Peter, it seems to me,
This gate isn't kept as it ought to be.
You ought to stand right by the opening there,
And never sit down in that easy chair.
And say, St. Peter, my sight is dimmed,
But I don't like the way your whiskers are trimmed;
They're cut too wide, with an outward toss,
They'd look better narrow and straight across."
St. Peter sat quiet and stroked his staff,
And in spite of his office he had to laugh;
"Who's tending this gate, Maggie, you or I?"
Then he rose to his stature tall,
And he pressed the button upon the wall,
And said to the imp who answered the bell,

"Escort this female around to h—!"
Stoody Jiggs turned, his habit bent,
To follow wherever Maggie went,
And St. Peter standing on duty there,
Saw that the top of his head was bare;
He called the old man back and said:
"Jiggs, how long hast thou been wed?"
"Thirty years," (with a heavy sigh)
And then he thoughtfully added
"Why?"
St. Peter was silent with head bowed down,
He raised his hand and scratched his crown;
Then seeming a different thought to take,
Slowly to himself he spoke,
"Thirty years with that woman there!
No wonder the man hasn't any hair!
Swearing is wicked, smoking's not good;
He smoked and swore, I should think he would.
Thirty years with a tongue so sharp,
Here! Angel Gabriel! Give him a h—!"
A jeweled harp with a golden string,
Good Sir, pass in where the angels sing."
And Gabriel gave him a seat alone,
One with a cushion up near the throne.
"Call up some angels to play their best,
Poor Jiggs has certainly earned a rest.
See that on the finest ambrosia he feeds,
He's had about all the hell he needs.
It isn't hardly the thing to do—
To roast him on earth and in future too."
And Jiggs looking down from his high level,
Thought of Maggie, and felt sorry for the devil.

Viking

Charles Arthur an old resident of this district and aged about 60 years, died suddenly at his homestead on Monday last. Carl Almgren a neighbor of his happened to go into his shack during Monday morning to invite deceased to his home for dinner and found him stretched across the bed, apparently in a faint but afterwards found to be dead. The coroner, Dr. Holson and Const. Warrior were at once notified and proceeded immediately to the farm of the deceased, and making necessary investigation found by natural causes. It was found that deceased had been suffering from fainting spells through a weak heart and it is expected he took a severe spell and being alone died from the effects of it. The deceased leaves his mother and brother in California and uncle, E. K. Lee, who used to keep store at Torlea a few years ago. The funeral will be held on Friday from Hennessy's undertaking parlors.

Miss Mary Hruza died at the local hospital Tuesday from Typhoid fever. The unfortunate girl was only twenty years of age and had been ill for about three weeks. Her mother and brothers reside in the Prague district and much sympathy is expressed in their aid and loss. The deceased had been employed as domestic in the L. Kelly home for the past year.

Two Wainwright curling rinks again made an unsuccessful attempt to lift the Dawson Cup held by the local club. Last Saturday two rinks skiped by Dunsmore and Mel Fraser came up on the evening train all set to lift it but they failed by only one point. McAtthey held Fraser to a 16 to 15 score, losing a very tight game by one point. Slavik was two up on Dunsmore in the 14th end, 10 to 8 with Dunsmore having the last rock and chance to tie, but Dunsmy got a little heavy and went through the house. The total score Viking 25, Wainwright 24. The visitors were banquetted at the Viking Cafe after the game.

Mrs. P. E. Finch entertained a party of ladies at her cozy home on Fifth avenue last Thursday and Friday evenings. The decorations of the rooms were carried out in pretty Valentine designs and the same scheme dominated throughout the evening at the refreshment hour at the tables. Cards formed the diversion until dainty refreshments were served. Some very good records were enjoyed during the course of the two evenings and those who had the pleasure of being present voted it a most delightful affair. Mrs. Bellans assisted in serving.

Mrs. P. I. Bendickson entertained a number of ladies at tea Friday afternoon.

The Board of Elders and Trustees with their wives were entertained to a sumptuous turkey dinner last Friday evening by Rev. and Mrs. Upton. The heavily laden table was set in the rear room of the church and the Board did ample justice to the tempting viands.

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—and that said animals may be re-halt within a period of thirty days from the publication of this notice in The Alberta Gazette, upon payment of all fees and costs due to the municipality and the purchaser of said animal.

For information apply to the undersigned.

BLAKE H. GREEN, Sec.-Treas., M. D. of Kinsella, No. 424. Post Office, Kinsella, Alta.

SALE AND REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS (Sec. 48)

Notice is hereby given under Section 48 of The Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities) that:

The following animals in the pound kept by Joe Gulbraa: one red cow, with horns, no brand; one red steer, white head with horns, no brand, sold on January 29th, 1925 to F. C. Saville, Hardisty, Alta.

One red heifer calf with horns, no brand, sold on January 29th to Richard Larson, Irma, Alta.

One red mulley steer, branded inverted half circle over JB on right hip. One black brown heifer with horns and no brand, sold on January 31st, to F. C. Saville, Hardisty.

One red steer, stub horns, branded bar over AP on right ribs, sold to Jas. Hearn, Irma, Alta. January 31st.

And the following animal in pound kept by Joe Rahbok: One 3 year old heifer, white face, no brand, on January 29th sold to F. C. Weise, Irma, Alta.

—and that said animals may be redeemed by the owner or on his behalf within a period of thirty days from the publication of this notice in The Alberta Gazette, upon payment of all fees and costs due to the municipality and the purchaser of said animal.

For information apply to the undersigned.

R. J. TATE, Sec.-Treas., of the Municipality of Battle River No. 423, Post Office, Irma, Alta.

STRAYED—To N. W. 28-45-9-4, bay mare, white strip on face, weight about 1200 lbs. branded half diamond over F reversed E on right shoulder. Owner can have same by paying for advt. — Geo. Colby.

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Main Street.

Mr. R. J. Tate spent Wednesday and Thursday in Edmonton.

Mr. E. T. McDowell, was a visitor in Edmonton this week.

The Irma Ladies Aid are preparing to put on a play about the middle of March.

Mr. R. F. Ashley has been installed as night operator in the Irma depot in place of J. Riddington who has gone to Edmonton.

Mr. Harvey Paterson of Westlock, former proprietor of the Irma livery barn has been spending a few days with friends in the Irma district.

The Ladies Aid will hold an afternoon tea and sale of home cooking at the home of Mrs. Tripp, on Saturday afternoon, February 28th.

Mrs. L. C. Hatch and Mrs. F. W. Watkinson returned home last Sunday after spending a month at Vancouver and Victoria.

Myrtle Glasgow oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Glasgow has been confined to her home through an attack of St. Vitus Dance.

The Irma Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs.-Lefourneau next Thursday afternoon, all ladies are invited.

Mr. H. M. Cook, travelling superintendent of the U. G. G. Co., has been in charge of the Irma elevator the last few days, while Mr. R. T. Shon, the local agent has been to Edmonton.

Miss H. M. Bullock, former stenographer with the local bank has accepted a similar position in the Jasper Ave. branch of the Bank of Montreal, at Edmonton.

Mrs. C. Goodale returned from Calgary after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. McLaughlin. Mrs. Loughlin returned with them and is renewing acquaintances in the Irma district.

M. W. E. Inklin was taken suddenly ill last week end and taken to Edmonton for special treatment. From recent reports he is doing as well as can be expected but so far his family have not been able to ascertain the nature of his trouble.

Leslie Lennon, R. Marshall, George Hague, Cal. and Elsworth Goodale returned last Friday night from Chebham where they have been busy for the past two and a half months teaming fish.

The non-arrival of the patent ready-print inside pages of The Times necessitates us in using a single sheet this week. Those who are reading the continued story will get the next installment next week.

A FROSTY NIGHT

It was a cold December night and the air was clear and still. You could hear your voice echo and resound far away over the trees and hills. You could hear the distant coyotes howling while they were roaming the prairies for their food. The moon and stars were shining far above the snowy earth. Here and there you could see small shadows skipping across the crisp white snow, stopping here and there as if to pick up some food. But in the morning everything was changed. The trees were bending over, laden with snowy frost, and on every window were pictures of trees and houses. The air was filled with small pieces of flying frost, which came to rest on the sparkling snow.

—George Fischer, Gr. X. Irma High School.

WHIST DRIVE

The Irma Orange Lodge intend holding a whist drive and dance Monday evening February 23rd. Every body will be welcome, the ladies are requested to bring refreshments.

LEWISVILLE DISTRICT

Lewisville has been very quiet this winter on account, probably of the cold and the deep snow. However there will be a dance at the school on Friday night Feb. 20th.

There is quite a large attendance at the school a couple of new families with children having moved in. Miss Mildred Allen is in charge. Hot luncheon are a feature in the school now.

A number around here have been taking in the meetings of the Literary Society of Silver Lane which are held every two weeks. The programs are followed by a dance.

Fabyan school has quite a large attendance this winter. The teacher is Miss Kane, sister of Miss Kane, of the Wainwright school staff.

Miss Laura Massie has returned from an extended stay at the Coast; sorry to say her health was not appreciably improved by her trip.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Weise have a new young son (Earl Leo).

Mr. Bert Kennedy is spending the winter at Julius Krozner's.

The hunters around here are hard on the trail of a lynx, who has left his unmistakable tracks on the deep snow-banks.

Mr. Bud Cotton recently returned from his trip down East, and he, Mrs. C. and Della are again living at the Rockford Lodge gate. "Bud" was in charge of two elk from this Park, which were placed in the Montmorency Park, five miles out of Quebec City. Bud was born and raised in Quebec and this trip was pie to him. He reports terrible poverty and unemployment in Montreal. Hold-ups and robberies are rife, with the price of a meal for the objective. 47 degrees below zero was the temperature in Montreal at that time, and Alberta looked good to the genial fence-rider on his return.

Fabyan station consists of a box car now. It was never rebuilt after the fire last fall. These stations are all insured, but we suppose the insurance money was spent on a hotel site in Paris or to make some big station bigger. Verily "From him that hath not shall be taken and given to him that hath."

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF IRMA LOCAL U. G. G. CO.

The twelfth annual meeting held February 4th. The minutes of the eleventh annual meeting were read and on motion of Messrs. Smallwood and Kasten that the minutes be adopted as read. Cd.

The chairman called for nominations for local directors.

Moved by Messrs. Smallwood-King nominated A. A. Fischer.

Moved by King-Kasten nominated O. Steffenson.

Moved by Gulbraa-Steffenson nominated R. Smallwood.

Moved by King-Smallwood nominated H. Kasten.

Moved by Smallwood-Kasten nominated J. Gulbraa. Cd.

Moved by Messrs. Smallwood-Fenton that nominations close. Cd.

The chairman declared the above five elected for 1925.

Moved by Messrs. Fenton-Donohue that delegates report be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Messrs. Smallwood-Steffenson that Mr. A. A. Fischer be delegate to the next convention.

Moved by Messrs. King-Kasten that Mr. Burton be alternate delegate. Cd.

Moved by Messrs. Fenton-King that this meeting endorse the action taken by head office in dismissal of Mr. Pryce Jones. Cd.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Donohue.

SOCIAL EVENING

AT COALS SPRINGS

Members of the Irma Local U. F. A. drove to Coal Springs schoolhouse and enjoyed a social evening with members and friends in that district on Thursday evening the 12th.

J. Fenton, the president occupied the chair assisted by H. Knudson, vice-president.

The program of the evening was much enjoyed and as the contributors had only four days notice by which to prepare, shows that Coalsprings district is not lacking talent.

The program was as follows:

Opening song, O'Canada, by the School; Violin selections, Messrs. Larson; Short address, J. Gulbraa; Solo, Miss Fuder, with Miss Knudson as accompanist; Chairman's address; Chorus, school children; Organ Solo, Miss Knudson; Violin Selections, Messrs. Larson; Chorus, school children; Reading by Miss Campbell; Short Addresses by H. Knudson and others.

A number from the Jarro local were also present. Last but not least was the lunch by the ladies of the district. A vote of thanks was tendered the Coalsprings trustee board and all those who had helped to make the evening so enjoyable.

The Irma U. F. A. intend holding a number of social gatherings in the near future.

RADIO SERMON FEBRUARY 22

Arrangements have been made for Elder S. A. Ruskjer, President of the Western Canadian Union Conference, to deliver a sermon in the new Seventh-day Adventist tabernacle, Calgary, Alberta, on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. Mountain time. This sermon will be broadcast by remote control over Station CFAC, The Calgary Herald Broadcasting Station. This station is perhaps the largest and best in Canada. A good musical program is being arranged. The Humann Brothers quartette will sing several selections. Miss Tillie Onas will sing a solo. Many telegrams and letters of appreciation have been received from all parts of Canada and the Northern States in response to the lectures which have been broadcast recently. Tell your friends to tune in to CFAC, wave length 430 meters, at 7:30 p.m. Mountain time, February 22nd.

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No. 5	1.39
No. 6	1.25
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Here and There

During the past season the Canadian Pacific Railway used on all its lines approximately 6,500,000 ties, according to a report just issued. The woods used include British Columbia fir, hemlock, tamarac, jack pine, spruce, maple and birch.

Tourist traffic in New Brunswick during the past summer left, nearly \$3,000,000 in the province, an amount almost equal to the total provincial revenue, according to an estimate of the New Brunswick Tourist Association. Approximately 70,000 tourists visited the province.

One thousand British Columbia rose bushes are being shipped to Portland, Ore., "the Rose City," and, famous all over the continent, roses, buys the varieties in British Columbia because they are the hardiest and best suited for growing in North America.

Silver production in Ontario for 1924 will not vary materially from that of 1923, judging by figures available for the first nine months of the year from the reports of several operating companies, though some increases will be shown. Production to date has amounted to about \$19,500 a day.

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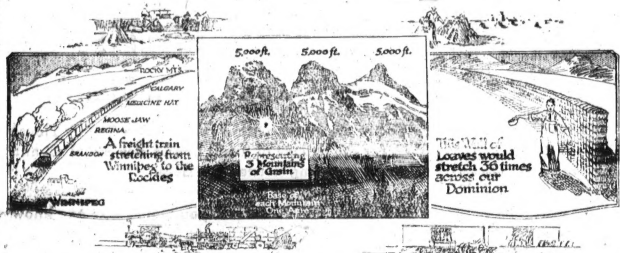
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Grain Movement Over The Canadian Pacific Railway

Sept. 1 - Dec. 12, 1923

Clickety-click, clickety-click... It is the sound of car wheels passing over the railroad tracks, and you could stand and listen to the same clickety-click for 44 hours on end, if you were to watch that part of the magnificent crop of Canada grown in districts served by the Canadian Pacific railway and moved from the harvest fields by that company. Imagine, if you can, a train 881 miles long, or as far as from Winnipeg to the upper reaches of the Rocky Mountains. That is how many freight cars there would be. But cars alone cannot make a train. There are the engines, as well, and the road has kept in the neighborhood of 670 freight engines tugging grain trains east and west day and night throughout the season and in addition to these there are 171 switch engines employed at terminals. The season, he it understood, is taken as the period from Sept. 1 to the official close of navigation with regard to shipping insurance on the Great Lakes, which falls Dec. 12.

So much for computation trains. In point of fact, however, the longest train which was made up during the season consisted of 125 cars and was approximately 1 mile in length. It was operated from Stoughton to Ardo, Saskatchewan, on October 5th. The weight of the train not including the engine totalled 7,946 tons of this 5,568 tons being freight. The train handled 188,000 bushels of wheat.

Now during the season, there were 88 days on which cars could be loaded, for Sundays are excluded. During those 88 days there were trains operated on an average every 50 minutes day and night, trains carrying nothing but grain mind you, for passenger traffic and other freight business were conducted at the same time, and as uninterrupted schedules too, he it noted. These trains were on an average 45 cars long.

In all, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 12, 1923, there were 1,000 trains operating over the Canadian Pacific Railway more than 200,000,000 bushels of all grains the largest quantity ever reported since the inception of the road. Taking the cars loaded as merely representative of the activities of the company in the matter of grain movement, these have been reported at 116,222 for the period, representing 109,961,184 bushels. Suppose for a moment that all that grain were to be dumped into a river bed 100 feet wide and five feet deep, and that the

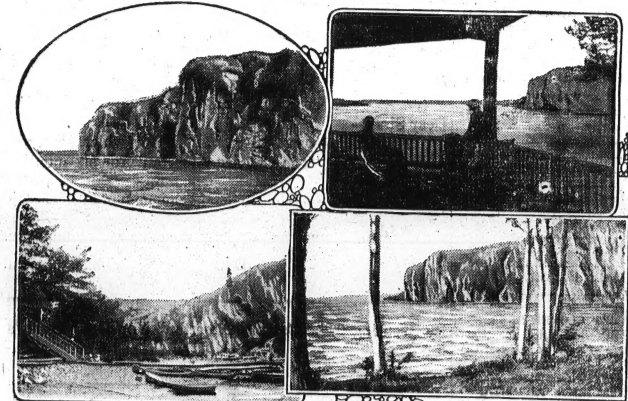
new river were able to flow at an average rate for water, say a mile an hour, then he who stood on the bank and had the patience to watch, might pitch his tent and picnic for three and one half days before this stream would be dried up.

A second trip into the land of imagination and one might put mountains in the background, and might make those mountains up of all the grains kernels which had been taken from the freight cars engaged in their transportation. If the grain were heaped up on acre lots of ground, there might well be three mountains, and each one of them would tower 5,000 feet into the heavens. The Canadian Pacific railway station at Lake Louise, one of the highest in the Rocky Mountains, is 5,044 feet above sea level. In the three mountains would be included oats, rye, barley, flax—all the coarse grains commonly grown in the Dominion as well as wheat, but if the latter were to be sorted out and put into mountains by itself, supposing there were still to be three mountains, then each of these would rise 4,200 feet from the ground. Banff itself is only 4,500 feet above the sea.

But after all, wheat is of little use in imaginary rivers or even mountains, however high or picturesque they may be. Let us consider what would happen if all the wheat were made into flour (leaving coarse grains aside) and kneaded up and baked into bread. If this were done there would be approximately 104,700 miles of regulation size, 16 ounce loaves, if they were placed end to end. This tremendous string of loaves would stretch back and forth across Canada, from Montreal to Vancouver 36 times. If the loaves were laid side by side and end to end, they would form a solid belt across the Dominion wider than the height of a city lamp post. Again if they were piled in a trans-Canada wall one loaf deep, the height of the wall would be 12 feet.

A particularly interesting feature of the grain movement of the present season according to company officials is the increase which had been reported in the amount of grain sent by Canadian Pacific to Vancouver for export. In all there were 5,562 cars received representing 8,087,784 bushels, or a very large percentage of the total exports from Vancouver which aggregated 8,519,966 bushels to the United Kingdom, and 80,300 mostly to South America. Last season for the corresponding period there were 5,048 cars received at Vancouver and 8,000,000 bushels exported.

Indian Treasure Hidden at Bon Echo



Above, left—The Big Rock in which the Silver Hoard is said to be hidden; right—The Rock viewed from Bon Echo Inn. Below, left—The Landing Cabin; right—Another view of the Big Rock.

Long before Jacques Cartier sailed up the St. Lawrence to discover Hochelaga, a now-forgotten race of people were making pilgrimages to the Big Rock towering above the waters of the Mississauga in Eastern Ontario to observe religious ceremonies, to worship before the great natural altar and to propitiate the gods who dwell in the granite space. In the backwoods now, five hundred years ago the Big Rock of Bon Echo was the center of the greatest white pine forest the world has ever known and on a main highway between the north and Lake Ontario. There were no backwoods in those days, and the streams were the travel routes for the pagan people who followed the seasonal migrations of the animals with which the forests teemed.

To them the Big Rock at Bon Echo must have been a thing of mystery, as it remains today both to archeologists and geologists. None can reconcile the sheer untouched face with the glacial markings along its top, and in the same way the paintings along the face are an unexplained riddle. "Who put them there?" and "What do they mean?" are unanswered questions. Along the face of the Big Rock a few feet above the waterline are the hieroglyphic records of an unknown people. Painted in a virtually imperishable paint, whose composition is unknown, and which has defied the weathering effects of wind and water, these records baffle the archeologists of the continent.

Whether they have a warlike or religious significance is not known, although some people hold that they record a great victory of the Iroquois over the Hurons and Algonquins and have been written in some involved and mystic code.

A more conservative interpretation claims that the paintings of the Big Rock are trail marks, records of the hunt, signboards for other travellers. The natives of the backcountry claim that they hold the secret to the treasure cave located in the Rock, and that the solution of their riddle would open the entranceway to the long lost silver of the Indians.

From Brockville to Trenton, on the shores of Lake Ontario, the legend of Meyer's Cave has long persisted. The hint of such a cave first came when the Indians from the country to the north brought in bars of native silver to exchange for food and firearms. For years they refused to discuss the source of their wealth with anyone, but in time, a trader by the name John Meyers, who had been brought up in association with Indians, was able to ingratiate himself into the confidence of two of the fire-water, they agreed to exchange for liberal quantities of goods and to conduct him north.

Later in the fall they set out, made their way up the Mississippi River, portaged from Lake Michigan to Lake Superior, and came to the Big Rock. Conflicting stories tell of Meyers' actual find.

One tells of a fissure between two huge masses of rock, a long entranceway through which the trader crept, and of a cavern at its end. When the fat pile of treasure was carried by his drunken guides illumined the interior feet in size and along whose sides were piled rough cast bars of native silver, as one piled cordwood.

The trader took what quantities of the metal he could place in his knapsack and in his pockets, and departed, making as accurate a mental record of the location of the entranceway as he could. His companions would not allow him to blaze a trail, or to place a cairn, for by this time they were becoming frightened over their betrayal of the secret. The small party set out for home, but crossing the lake at the headwaters of the Skoot Over, their canoe was swamped by a heavy storm, and the Indians abandoned Meyers who had made his way to shore with difficulty. In order to save himself from drowning he was forced to throw away his coat, a quantity of silver carried in the pockets of his coat. Without food, his firearms gone, ill, wet and hungry he reached Belleville after ten days' hardship. As a result of the exposure he took pneumonia and died in the course of a few months.

It is an improbable story but one thing is certain. In the Meyers family there are spoons made from the silver he brought down with him. He left a map, drawn from memory, and in time this fell into the hands of a lawyer, George Merrill, who went north and relocated the cave, in company with another man. Lured to divulge the discovery, he did nothing for some years and when he did return the first had swept through the backcountry and had altered its topography to such an extent that he was never able to locate it again.

Several comfortable fortunes have been spent trying to locate the cave. One man spent fourteen years on top of the Big Rock going over every square inch of it, time and time again, certain to the day of his death, that his perseverance would be rewarded. Today in a sheltered hollow there are a few rotting logs at right angles to mark his home.

Another expedition spent thousands of dollars scraping the earth off the central portion of the rock, in a vain search for the cave. Once or twice every summer a group of old prospectors will appear at Bon Echo Inn, and armed with pickaxes and hammers, mysteriously disappear up the iron staircase mounting the Big Rock, certain that at last they are going to find the lost millions. A day or two later they are seen descending the staircase, climb silently aboard the Canadian Pacific train, and go home as they have come, without the treasure.

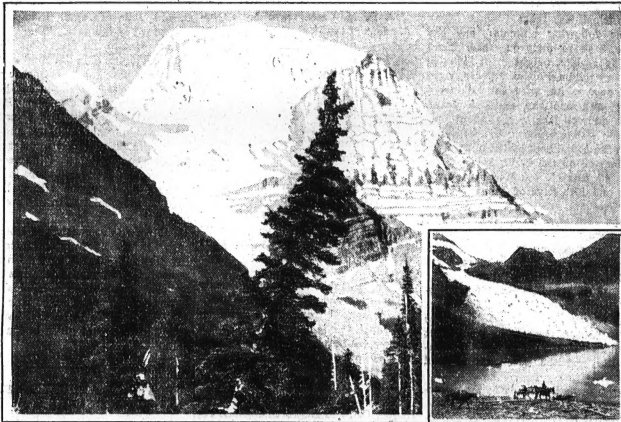
And over all the Big Rock watches as it has watched a millions years, serene and indistinguishable.

Beauty Flies For Speckled Beauties



Above pretty girl, one of a party of five, has just come in from a flying trip to a nearby lake and is justly proud of her string of speckled beauties.

THE MONARCH OF THE ROCKIES



FEW camera enthusiasts approach Mount Robson, the monarch of the Canadian Rockies, without resolving to secure at least half a dozen good photographs of this towering peak for inclusion in their albums when they return home. And to assist the camera enthusiast in his or her laudable endeavor, the Canadian National Railways management has arranged that all trains passing the foot of Mount Robson and other towering peaks along the main line of the Canadian National will stop for five minutes at the foot of this mountain.

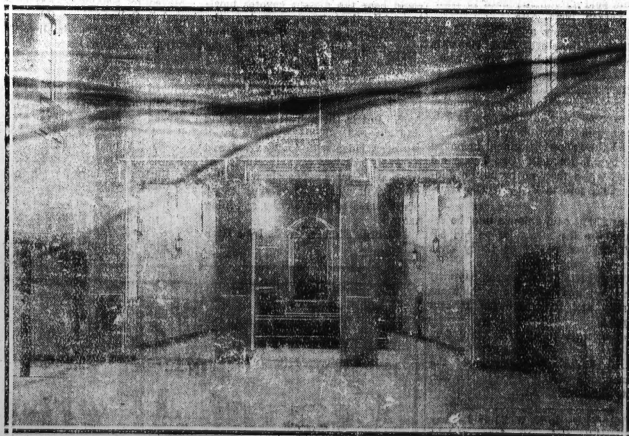
Mount Robson and Mount Rob-

son Park is the mecca each year of thousands of tourists who have adopted the slogan: "See Canada First" and in the fall big game hunting enthusiasts find that the territory surrounding Mount Robson is the finest big-game territory to be found on the American continent. There mountain sheep and goats, grizzly, black and cinnamon bear and a wide variety of large and small game are plentiful and within easy reach of the hunter who may be outfitted at the park headquarters.

The national parks are, of course, game sanctuaries, but game in the territory surrounding their

borders is lawful prey for the hunter, and usually, in the vicinity of a park, game is plentiful.

Photograph shows Mount Robson, 13,068 feet in height, as it is seen from the north side, where the mighty peak towers 10,000 feet above the level of the valley. Each year intrepid climbers attempt to scale its heights, and find thrills aplenty in the attempt. The smaller picture inset shows Berg Lake, at the foot of Mount Robson near where the Alpine Club of Canada will this year hold its annual camp, in the heart of Canada's finest mountain scenery.



Three Rivers, Quebec, Has New Station

Citizens of Three Rivers, Quebec, regard the recent inauguration of the new Canadian Pacific Railway Station as marking a new epoch in the life of their city inasmuch as it affords proof of the status already attained by Three Rivers as an industrial centre and of the greater prominence it is expected to occupy in the future. The new station building is the most up-to-date and magnificent of its kind in eastern Canada. Of its construction cost, not less than \$200,000 represents the amount of money spent in Three Rivers.

Some idea as to the way Three Rivers has developed may be gathered from a few remarks made by E. J. Hebert, first assistant general passenger agent, Canadian Pacific Railway, in proposing a toast at the banquet that marked the official opening. "Until 1876 navigation was the only transportation facility," he said. "Then the Northern Railway was built between Quebec, Three Rivers and Montreal, but it was not until 1906 that industries began to appear. With the opening of the St. Maurice Valley Railway trade developed rapidly. The towns of Shawinigan Falls, Grand Mere, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, La Gabelle, small hamlets in 1905, have become important industrial centres, with populations respectively of 12,000, 7,500 and 3,000 people, while Three Rivers itself has over 30,000 population now and is still growing."